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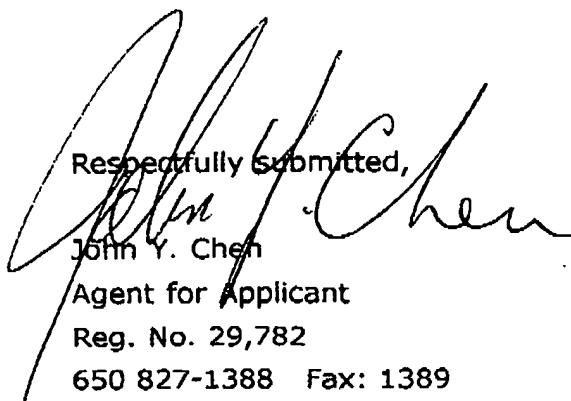
The application and the material cited to date have been carefully reviewed along with Examiner's remarks after an interview today. Applicant is convinced that his claimed composition and articles are novel and patentable. Applicant strongly believes that his application embodies a significant discovery, that the claims define the invention in a clear and definite manner, and that all of the preliminary amended claims are allowable.

Claims 1-25 are pending in the case. The claims have been amended following Examiner's interview of today and are being submitted for consideration.

A copy of the cited publication by G. I. McCracken, P. A. Heasman, et. al., is attached. Copies of the first pages of USPTO Publications 20020152538 and 20020170122 (directed to the finger dental art) from the USPTO quick search data base are attached. A list of patents and publications from USPTO quick search is shown below.

As of the date of this preliminary amendment, Applicant is not aware of any art relevant to pending claims 1-25 which claims recite oral care articles having specific force gauging and plaque removing elastic gel elements of selected specific gel rigidity.

In view of the above, all the rejections should be withdrawn and the claims as amended be allowed.



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